

***Food Stamp Access Improvement Plan 2006-2007***  
***Cancer Prevention and Nutrition Section (CPNS)***  
***California Nutrition Network for Healthy, Active Families (Network)***

**Key Result Area 1: Leadership - Maintain a comprehensive, well-coordinated leadership infrastructure between the *California Nutrition Network*, the CDSS Food Stamp Policy Bureau, the USDA WRO, the California Association of Food Banks, and other public and nonprofit sector advocacy and direct service organizations at state and local levels; provide forums and resources for program administration, program and partnership development, and interagency collaboration for Food Stamp outreach in California aimed at reducing structural barriers in the FSP, increasing participation in the FSP, and providing leadership and support for the acquisition of supplemental funding and resources to fully achieve the goals, objectives and activities in the FFY2007 CFSPAIP.**

Two major mechanisms that have been in place for approximately five years provide opportunities for a diverse set of leaders to seek solutions to improving access to and the use of the FSP in California.

**Interagency Food Assistance Committee (IFAC):**

Previously discussed in the Introduction section of this plan, IFAC is a State-level coordinating committee convened by the CDSS Food Stamp Policy Bureau to discuss and maximize the coordination of key planning, administrative, and program activities of state government's food assistance programs, including Food Stamps.

**Food Stamp and Nutrition Education Outreach and Participation Committee (FANOut):**

Also previously presented in the Introduction section of this plan, FANOut achieves much the same purpose as IFAC but with the important addition of representatives of USDA's Western Regional Office (WRO) and state, regional and local level public officials and nonprofit food assistance advocates and providers.

In FFY 2007, the FANOut Committee will continue to be the major forum for discussing issues related to the FSP promotion and outreach, including how to improve the system at state and local levels; ongoing concerns about Food Stamp participation rates; and receiving reports and requests for advice and support from *Network* staff, the California Association of Food Banks, CAFB's subcontractors, and others regarding the status of the CFSPAIP. FANOut also discusses issues related to nutrition education and its relationship to the Food Stamp program and other nutrition assistance programs in the state.

FANOut will continue to meet quarterly and meetings will continue to be facilitated by a Conference and Meeting Coordinator (consultant) for a budget of \$5,000. In addition, a total of \$95,500 of Food Stamp Outreach funding is earmarked in the FFY2007 CFSPAIP budget for the further development of an improved statewide toll-free 800 number, (877) 847-3663 (FOOD), and/or call center for FSP information, possible pre-screening, and direct referrals of callers to CAFB subcontractors or local Food Stamp offices and in their area that can provide assistance.